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The Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services, Rm. 1-23
12420 Parklawn Dr.
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Re: 99P-1340/CP 1 Petition to Have "Eternity eau de parfum" Misbranded

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing because I fully support the petition submitted in May 1999 by the Environmental Health Network (EHN) to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de parfum" declared misbranded. "Eternity" contains known toxic chemicals, as well as chemicals that have not been tested for consumer safety. These chemicals can cause respiratory, central nervous system, and hormonal problems. They can be dangerous to a child's growth and health. Uninformed parents, teachers, day-care workers, and others can buy "Eternity" and not know they are injuring themselves or the children in their care.

I request that the FDA give careful attention to your regulations 21 CFR Sec. 740.1, 21 CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21 CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulation 21 CFR Sec. 740.10 specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: Warning -- The safety of this product has not been determined."

As the petition shows, "Eternity" contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety have not been substantiated. There is no warning label on its packaging.

Like tobacco smoke, the harmful chemicals currently used in these products may affect the health of many people. Children are particularly vulnerable to toxic chemicals found in products purchased and used by their parents, care givers and teachers. We all have a right to know whether the product we purchase may cause damage to ourselves or our children. Most people don't realize that perfumes, such as "Eternity" can cause health problems; that is why any product that contains dangerous chemicals, or chemicals whose health effects are unknown, must be labeled.

Please see to it that this petition -- and the issue it represents -- get the careful scrutiny they deserve. The public has a right to know and protect the health of our families.

Sincerely,



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